



This monthly newsletter provides information on meetings, conferences, upcoming training, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact Maria Castain (415) 972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

One finger cannot lift a pebble (Hopi)

Meetings and conferences

Jul 12-15 8th Region 2 Annual EPA National Community Involvement Conference, Buffalo, NY

The conference includes several keynote speakers; evening social activities, open time sessions, field trips, an exhibit room, and a poster session. Please visit the conference's Web site: <http://www.epancic.org/2005/overview.cfm> for more information.

Jul 12-15 2nd Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference: "Safeguarding Drinking Water for Future Generations", Window Rock, AZ

The conference will bring experts from the water industry. Participants will include U.S. EPA, government agencies, tribal agencies, private architecture and engineering firms, local chapter governments, grants/funding agencies, water treatment technologies, computer generated hydraulic modeling, water testing laboratories, water operator certification, master planning, Kid's Fun Day, water operator competition, emergency response, exhibitor booths, operator awards, etc. If you are interested in registering or looking for general information about the conference, please call Michelle Silver at (928) 871-7755 or visit the following Web site: <http://www.navajopublicwater.org>

Jul 25-28 3rd Annual UIDA Small Business Week, Lake Buena Vista, FL

This conference will provide a venue for Native American businesses to network with purchasing and small business representatives from government agencies, government prime contractors, large corporations, and other organizations seeking to work with Indian businesses through seminars and one-on-one

meetings. Call the UIDA Business Services (707) 494-0431 if you have any questions concerning the conference or visit <http://www.uida.org/UBS%202005/Conference.html>

Jul 26-28 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), San Francisco, CA

Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Aug 8-12 7th Annual National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), Lac du Flambeau, WI

This year a two-track training option will cover the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For additional information go to <http://www.nathpo.org> or call NATHPO at (202) 628-THPO.

Sept 18-21 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Baltimore, MD

The 2005 Forum is jointly cosponsored by EPA and Maryland Department of the Environment. The Forum is an annual event designed to bring together public health and environmental officials from states, tribes, and other interested parties to present and discuss issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants. To register for the Fish Forum, go to the registration section on the Fish Forum Web site at: <http://epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/2005>

Oct 24-25 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC), Coarsegold, CA

Contact: Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Oct 26-28 13th Region 9 Annual Tribal/EPA, Coarsegold, CA

This conference will be co-hosted with the Picayune Rancheria. For more information, please contact Sam Elizondo (559) 683-6633, email selizondo@chukchansi.com or visit the following Web page: www.chukchansigold.com/epa

Nov. 2-4 2005 Brownfield Conference, Denver, CO

This uniquely-designed conference sponsored by U.S. EPA, Region 8 will feature environmental issues facing the west including tribal brownfields, mining sites, watershed issues, and rural community issues. For more information regarding conference attendance, presentation opportunities, exhibits or poster sessions, check out the 2005 website:

www.brownfields2005.org, or contact the Region 8 Coordinator, Robin Coursen at coursen.rob@epa.gov.

May 7-11, 2006 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. The conference will also provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. Also, the USGS National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program will showcase new findings on the quality of the Nation's streams and groundwater and highlight recent innovations and cutting-edge tools in water quality assessment.

If you would like to submit an abstract, have questions about the conference, or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com or call (410) 356-8993. Abstracts must be received no later than September 16, 2005.

Training

Jul 11-12 Wastewater Biology, Flagstaff, AZ

This Penn State University course stresses a biological approach to wastewater operation and is designed for operators, technicians and engineers involved in the daily operation and troubleshooting of wastewater treatment processes. It covers activated sludge, settleability problems and loss of solids, and biological oxygen demand (BOD) and metabolism. For more information, please call 1 (800) 778-8632. This course will also be offered on July 14-15 in Oceanside, CA.

Jul 13-14 Basics of Environmental Systems Management, Bismarck, ND

This training is free of charge of those working in and with Native American communities. For more information, go to <http://www.ntec.org>

Jul 13-14 Daily Operations and Maintenance for Tribal Water Operators Workshop, Pauma Valley, CA

No registration fee. For more information, please call Angela Hengel (760) 809-1275 or email AHengel@rcac.org

Jul 19-21 Designated Use Co-regulators Workshop, San Francisco, CA

This workshop will focus on practical approaches to making environmental progress in the area of aquatic life and recreational uses. Discussions will address available tools, options, and attainability. Tribes that already have approved water quality standards will be in the best position to actively participate and will probably find it more useful than tribes that are still developing their standards. Space is limited. For more information, please call Kathleen Martyn Goforth, (415) 972-3521 or go to goforth.martyn@epa.gov

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Courses are offered by the American Indian Air Quality Training Program in cooperation with NAU and U.S. EPA to fulfill the mandate of the 1990 Clean Air Act to offer Native American tribes full partnership in the management of air quality on tribal lands. For more information, call Lee Anderson (702) 784-8264 or visit their site: <http://www.nau.edu/itep>

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Aug. 1-4 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Emmetsburg, MD

The above course provide tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems. For more information, call Linda Straka, (301) 447-1162, or email linda.straka@dhs.gov

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for July 2005 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Jul 14 Fundamentals of Environmental Justice Workshop, Washington, DC

Jul 19-21 Advanced Inspector Training, San Francisco, CA

EPA, Region 9 will sponsor this 3-day course designed for inspectors with at least 3 years of experience in this field. It provides discussion, demonstrations, and practice in specific skills, such as information research, digital camera usage, interviewing, report writing, lab fraud, courtroom

testimony/evidence, and other topical issues. To register for the course please go to www.netionline.com

- Jul 27-28 Administrative Hearings and Trials, Boston, MA**
- Aug 9-11 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC**
- Nov 1-3 Introduction to NEPA/309 Review course, Washington, DC**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) courses, presented by Judith Lee of Environmental Planning Strategies, provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. Please register under the course title: FED 103: NEPA/309 Review. Early registration is advised as the class size is limited to 30 participants on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions, the course point of contact is Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov.

NETI, in cooperation with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, is pleased to present a new Web-based class, "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Basic UST Inspector Training Courses" (UST 901). These courses are designed to meet the training requirements for inspectors under EPA Order 3500.1. They orient new employees, provide refresher training, and supplement annual training for the UST program. Topics include preparation for field inspections, on-site equipment inspections, compliance records review, purpose and goals of the UST program, history of the UST program, financial responsibility requirements, and the federal UST regulations.

Also, the most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is available online. For more information on how to register, go to www.netionline.com and click on the Catalog and Schedule button. Start class in your own office!

Indian Country Environmental Hazard Assessment Project (ICEHAP)

This free course is presented by volunteers and is available upon request. The volunteers will come to you and participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in the home, workplace, and community. The goal of ICEHAP is to introduce participants to specific environmental problems that may cause harm to tribal communities. Participants will learn methods for identifying and assessing environmental health hazards in

the home, workplace, and community. With the information provided, participants will be able to prioritize environmental problems and identify available resources for their resolution. A model will be presented to illustrate how a community-based approach can be taken to successfully solve a community environmental health problem. For more information, contact Harvard School of Public Health, Attn: Barbara Blanchard, 677 Huntington Ave., CCPE-Dept A, Boston MA 02115-6096 (617) 384-8687 or email: bblancha@hsph.harvard.edu

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Jul 12-15 Training and Examination for Water and Wastewater Operators, Reno, NV

To obtain more information, please call Carl T. Jeffries at (602) 258-4822

Asset Management, Rate Analysis and Benchmarking Workshops

In August and September the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with Southern Illinois University, will conduct six sets of workshops on asset management and rate analysis and two on benchmarking. All sessions are free to participants. Managers, staff, decision-makers of these systems, consultants and assistance providers should take advantage of these training opportunities. Using these strategies could mean tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue or reduced costs to small systems and millions to medium and large systems. To register or to learn more about the workshops go to <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/oac/rmi-catalog.htm> or call the Natural Resources Department at (800) 361-4827.

Indoor Air Quality Training for Tribal Professionals

The American Lung Association Health House program is providing hands-on indoor air quality training for tribal professionals. There is no cost for this training. The classes begin July 2005 and run through 2008. For more information or to register, go to: <http://www.healthhouse.org/TribalTraining/Index.asp>

Grants and loans

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov or visit Web site <http://housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>

Integrated Regional Water Management Grants

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be awarding \$380 million to California public agencies and California non-profits for:

- Programs for water supply reliability, water conservation, and water use efficiency;
- Storm water capture, storage, treatment, and management;
- Removal of invasive non-native plants, the creation and enhancement of wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open space and watershed lands;
- NPS pollution reduction, management, and monitoring;
- Groundwater recharge and management projects;
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies;
- Water banking, water exchange, water reclamation, and improvement of water quality;
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood control programs that protect property; and improve
- water quality, storm water capture and percolation; and protect or improve wildlife habitat;
- Watershed management planning and implementation; and
- Demonstration projects to develop new drinking water treatment and distribution methods.

The first round of implementation funding will be \$148 million, with a deadline of July 14, 2005. The second round of implementation funding is expected to be \$220 million with an announcement in late 2006 to early 2007. The maximum grant is \$50 million for implementation projects, with a minimum 10% match except in special circumstances for disadvantaged communities.

SWRCB and DWR encourage regional application packages that are based on integrated Regional Water Management Strategies rather than independent applications. While Tribal governments cannot apply directly, they can apply as part of regional applications submitted by a California State public agency. In addition, a California non-profit can apply directly. For

additional information, contact Tracie Billington (916) 651-9226, tracieb@water.ca.gov. or go to <http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm>.

Patagonia

The Patagonia Environmental Grants Program supports grassroots environmental work in communities where the outdoor clothing and gear company does business. Grant range generally from \$3K to \$8K. Proposals accepted in April and August 2005. For more information, go to: http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml.

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or warren.carl@epa.gov

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

USDA RUS has \$16.4 million in infrastructure grant funds available in FY05 under their Native American Grants Program. Grant funds are available only after RUS has assessed the capacity of the recipient to accept loans as applicants are expected to borrow the funds they can afford to repay. Ratios vary from 100% loan to 100% grant funding, with a cap of \$1 million in grant funds. The use of RUS loan funds in conjunction with RUS grant funds, as well as funds from other sources, is strongly encouraged whenever feasible to maximize the investment in Indian Country. Contact your local USDA RUS office for more information and to apply for funding. For information on state contacts and engineering report and environmental review application requirements, visit the following websites.

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2005funding.htm>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs/Bul%201780-2%209-10-03.pdf>

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/pdf/1794-602A2.PDF>

Tribal Drinking Water Public Water System (TDWPWS) Capacity Funding Program – Clearinghouse Concept

Currently EPA's Region 9 TDWPWS Capacity Program offers small training and capacity building grants to tribes. The administrative burdens, lack of funding flexibilities, and slow processing times for issuing multiple small awards is significant for both the tribes and EPA. To make funds more immediately accessible, we are in the process of revising the program as follows: EPA will make one award to a Tribal Consortium. This entity would serve as a clearinghouse for receiving proposals, tracking projects and processing reimbursements. Proposals would need an EPA sign-off, but the administrative load would be greatly reduced. Projects could be small (e.g., one semester of night school) or large (e.g., feasibility studies to construct an arsenic treatment facility). Some projects could be proposed, approved and off the ground in a very short time. The Drinking Water Office has approached ITCA, and exploratory discussions are underway for developing the details of the program. We are hopeful that we can get the new program in place sometime during the next few months. For more information on this programs, please call Helen McKinley at (415) 972-3559.

The Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Energy has published the following funding opportunities. For monthly summaries of funding opportunities and other funding resources, go to: http://www.eere.energy.gov/regions/western/financial_opps.html.

Energy Cost Relief for Rural Communities U.S. Department of Agriculture (UDSA)

The Rural Utility Service of the USDA requests applications for the High Energy Cost Grant Program. This program supports projects that provide, improve, or reduce the costs of energy generation, transmission, and distribution services for rural communities with home energy costs that are over 275 percent of the national average. On-grid and off-grid renewable energy projects, and energy efficiency, and energy conservation projects are eligible. \$19.5 million is expected to be available, award range \$75K to \$5 million. Responses are due 7/25/05. For more information, contact Karen Larsen at energy.grants@usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric/hecg/index.htm>.

Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requests PATH pre-applications for cooperative research in housing technologies. The purpose of PATH is to advance technologies that have the potential for improving housing performance. Technology advances may include but are not limited to: Use of new materials, components and systems to complete houses, which improve the quality, durability, efficiency and environmental performance, and/or affordability of housing. HUD is also interested in eliminating barriers to the acceptance of these new and emerging technologies by the building industry, state and local governments, homeowners and homebuyers. Responses are due July 23, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HUD/ODGMO/AT/FR-4992-N-01/Grant.html>.

Indigenous Leadership

Ecotrust requests nominations for the Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership. This award, funded by the Peter and Howard Buffett families, recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of conservation and community development within the Pacific salmon territory of North America. Individuals are eligible if they are First Nation or tribal members, over 35 years of age, and work or have worked with an indigenous organization or community within the Pacific salmon territory of North America. A \$25K cash award will be presented to an individual whose activities demonstrate durable qualities of leadership to improve the social, economic, political, and environmental conditions in his or her homelands. Four honorees will receive a \$2.5K cash award. Responses are due September 30, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/1976/buffett>.

California Bay-Delta Authority science grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsub-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level.

CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.

The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September. For more information concerning grant opportunities at the California endowment please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials, please go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859.

Miscellaneous items

Federally Recognized Indian Tribes Eligible to get Internet Domain Name Suffix

A cooperative agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Indian Affairs eGovernment initiative will allow federally recognized Indian tribes to participate in a program that will provide a domain name suffix identifying the tribe on the Word Wide Web as a government entity. A tribe's domain name suffix will include a dash, the letters nsn and the .gov designation. The nsn acronym stands for native sovereign nation, when combined with www and the tribe's name it will look like: www.tribesname-nsn.gov For more information, please contact Paul Marsden, e-Government Officer at (703) 390-6308.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is available to provide training to tribal governments on the investigation of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short

presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415)972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Corporation for National and Community Services

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/americorps.html>

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a Tribal Based Environmental Protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or FAX: (617)-918-0524.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are understandable and visual. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

National Coastal Condition Report (NCCR)

EPA is releasing the second NCCR, updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate their coastal environmental programs. Hard copies of the report will be available in about a month by calling 1-800-490-9198 and requesting EPA publication # 620/R-03/002; in the

meantime, copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/>

EPA Region 2 Proposed Outreach

EPA seeks to conduct outreach to Indian Nations with regard to Pollution Prevention, specific to health care systems. With this in mind Region 2 has hired Diane Buxbaum, M.P.H. Environmental Scientist. To initiate this outreach, Diane proposes to contact the Tribal/Indian Nation clinics and hospitals and IHS facilities directly. For instance, are there any lifeways that may be of interest to hospitals regarding waste management? For example, mercury-containing thermometers, blood pressure devices and gastric tubes. Diane Buxbaum can be reached at (212) 637-3919

Humboldt Bay Environmental Technology Hostel

This will be a first-of-its-kind environmental technology hostel to be built and operated in cooperation with Hosteling International – SA, Humboldt State University, the City of Arcata, and the Center for Environmental Economic Development and the Ford Foundation. The hostel is designed for the study, research and teaching of sustainable design and environmental technology. One of its objectives is to provide a replicable and adaptable model for hostels and communities throughout the world. Go ArcataHostel.org for more information.

2005 SW NAFWS Natural Resources Youth Practicum

To obtain an application kit for the 2005 SW Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum, please email John_Antonio@fws.gov

Job opening

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality. Please submit your resume to SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. This position will remain open until filled.

The Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program has an opening for a circuit rider in Indian Country on the Navajo Nation. Tasks include, but are not limited to, program capacity building, tank removal oversight, providing compliance assistance to Underground Storage Tank owners/operators and tribal environmental staff, data collection and maintenance; and providing leaking underground storage tank (LUST) investigations and support. In general, help support Navajo Nation EPA (NNEPA) program objectives. This unique opportunity is for individuals age 55 and over support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through a grant sponsored by the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). No fees are involved. Benefits include vacation, holiday, sick leave pay & health insurance. Computer skills required. Visit www.nowcc.org for detailed information and how to apply or call Connie Peyton, NOWCC SEE Program, (303) 238-0022.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>